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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SEC VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. NEEDLESS TO SAY, DE LA FLOR, WHO PRIDES HIMSELF AS HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST AMONG HEMISPHERE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO EXTEND VISIT INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY, WOULD BE SORELY DISAPPOINTED SHOULD LIMA STOP BE OMITTED FROM SECRETARY'S ITINERARY. GOP GENERALLY WOULD SHARE DE LA FLOR'S DISAPPOINTMENT AND FEELLING OF NEGLECT. PERU'S ANTI-US "NEW PRESS" WOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY. PROMISE OF LIMA VISIT FOLLOWING OASGA WOULD SOFTEN THE BLOW AND PERHAPS KEEP DE LA FLOR AND OTHER GOP OFFICIALS FROM EX-TERNALIZING THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AND CRITICAL COMMENTS.

2. REGARDLESS OF ONE'S REACTIONS TO PERU'S THIRD WORLD RHETORIC AND FREQUENTLY IRRITATING POSITIONS IN WORLD FORA, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO DROP PERU ALTOGETHER FROM SECRETARY'S HEMISPHERE TRAVEL PLANS. CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE SHIFTS IN POWER WITHIN PERU'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT ARGUE FOR AN EVEN-HANDED ATTENTIVE APPROACH TO THIS COUNTRY TO AVOID STRENGTHENING
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RADICAL ELEMENTS AT EXPENSE OF MODERATES LIKE NEW PRIME

MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ. PERU'S HEMISPHERE AND WORLD
POSITION AT REVOLUTIONARY END OF THIRD WORLD SPECTRUM ALSO
RECOMMENDS AGAINST GIVING ANY IMPRESSION OF NEGLECT OR
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